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SUBJECT: CSCE: COORDINATION BETWEEN THE EC AND NATO CAUCUSES

FROM USDEL MPT

1. FRG REP PROPOSED AT NATO CAUCUS ON MARCH 12 THAT ALLIED
REPS CONVENE MORE FREQUENTLY. CANADA, US, PORTUGAL,
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TURKEY AND GREECE AGREED. (COMMENT: NATO MEETINGS NOW AVERAGE ONCE A WEEK, WHILE THE EC NINE CAUCUS MEETS ALMOST EVERY DAY, SOMETIMES FOR 3-4 HOURS. CANADA SUGGESTED SCHEDULED MEETINGS THREE MORNINGS A WEEK. THE NINE (EXCEPT FRANCE) AGREED TO THE IDEA OF MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT A FIXED SCHEDULE. UK PROPOSED THAT NATO AMBASSADORS IN HELSINKI TAKE TURNS GIVING LUNCHESES FOR THE NATO REPS. US REP SUGGESTED THAT NINE DEVELOP A " BUDDY SYSTEM" TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KEEP EACH ALLIED REP WHO IS NOT MEMBER OF NINE CLOSELY INFORMED OF NINE' S PLANS.

2. COMMENTS: THIS DISCUSSION WILL HELP DAMPEN CONCERNS OF NON- EC ALLIED REPS, WHO INCREASINGLY HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING " CUT OUT" BY THE NINE. IN ADDITION, SOME EC REPS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT EC NINE MEETINGS ARE GETTING INCREASINGLY CONTENTIOUS AND INCONCLUSIVE AND THAT THEY FIND THE NATO CAUCUS MORE PRODUCTIVE. END COMMENT. PETERSON

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